

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, after the second full paragraph, please insert the following:

The present invention provides a catalyst composition containing a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from rare-earth elements which essentially include one or more rare-earth elements each having a valence of 3 as the only valence; A' represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals and Ag; B represents at least one element selected from Fe, Mn, and Al; B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Pt, Fe, Mn, Co, and the rare-earth elements; x is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation: $0 < x \leq 0.5$; y is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation: $0 \leq y < 0.5$; and z is an atomic ratio satisfying the following relation: $0 < z \leq 0.5$.

Page 4, please amend the third full paragraph as follows:

The exhaust gas purifying catalyst of the present invention is, the general formula (1)

Page 4, please amend the fourth full paragraph as follows:

To achieve the above object, the exhaust gas purifying catalyst of the present invention comprises a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):